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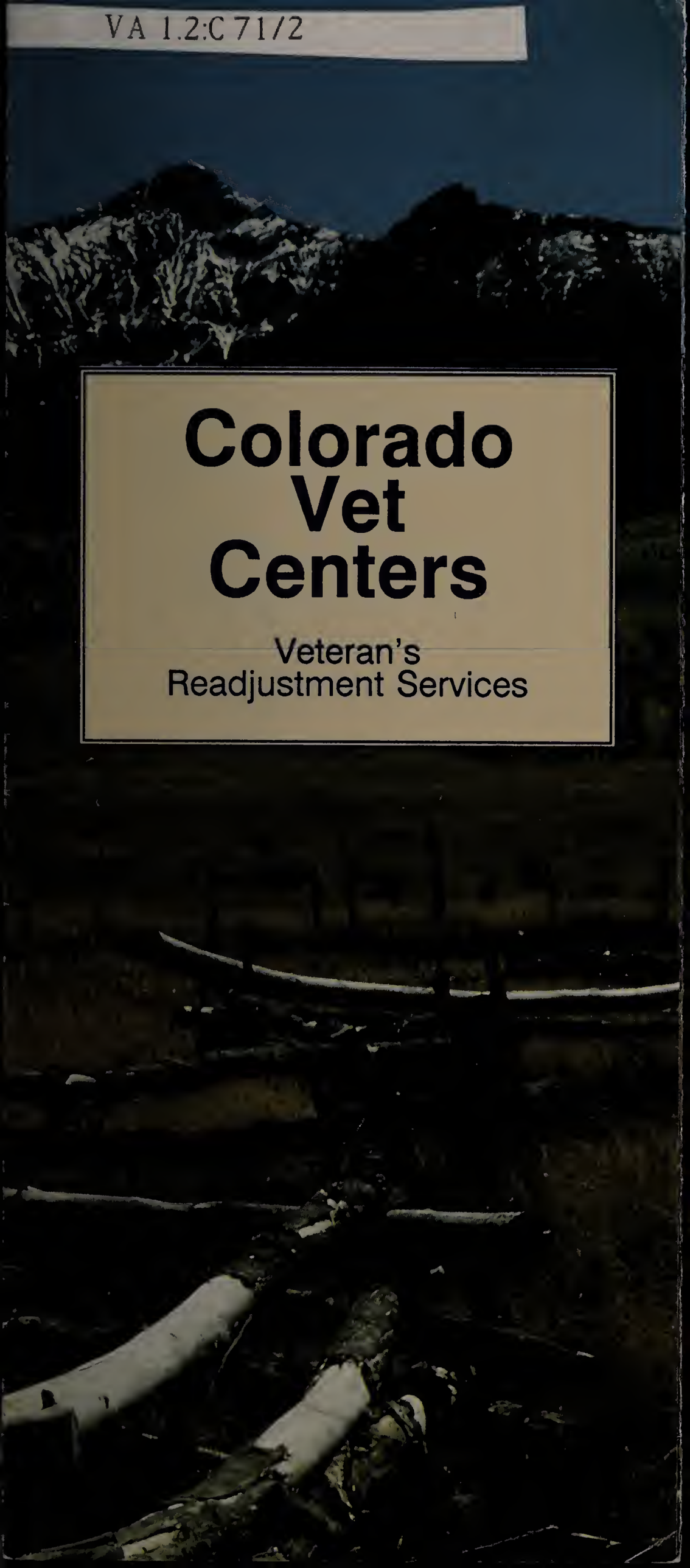


Colorado Vet Centers

Veteran's
Readjustment Services

Background of Readjustment Counseling Services

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era. Those other periods of armed hostilities are identified as Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Persian Gulf. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. You are not forgotten.

Eligibility for Services

All veterans who served during the Vietnam era (August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975) or participated in the listed areas of armed hostilities since the Vietnam era are eligible for Vet Center services.

Eligible Areas of Armed Hostilities

Lebanon - August 25, 1982, to February 26, 1984

Grenada - October 23, 1983, to November 21, 1983

Panama - December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 to date of Presidential Proclamation ending Operation Desert Storm.

The Women Veterans Health Program Act of 1992 authorizes counseling for women veterans who have experienced acts of sexual violence or harassment while on active duty.

Objectives

To promote quality clinical sound services to veterans and their families. In order to meet the goal of the program, the Vet Centers have the following objectives:

- Outreach to locate eligible veterans and engage them in programs that meet their readjustment needs.
- Provide counseling and other services to eligible veterans and their families.
- Refer veterans to appropriate community agencies and service providers.
- Serve as liaison between veterans and other VA facilities.
- Provide follow-up to ensure that eligible veterans receive adequate service.
- Offer community education to inform the public of the needs of veterans who served in combat or other situations of armed hostilities and the services of the Vet Center.

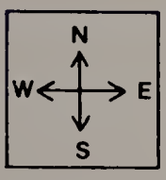
Services Provided

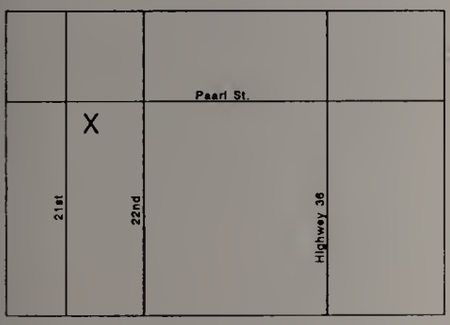
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Marital/Family Counseling
- Alcohol/Drug Assessment and Referral or Counseling
- Spouse/Significant Other Group
- Benefits Assistance and Referral
- Job Referral
- Employment Counseling & Guidance
- Community Education
- Liaison with VA Facilities
- Referral to Community Agencies
- Contracts with selected local/community agencies or counselors.

Confidentiality and Privacy

The Vet Center Staff respects the privacy of all veterans, and we hold in strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. No information will be communicated to any person or agency, without written consent from the veterans, except in circumstances to avert a crisis. (Privacy Act, 1975).

Vet Center Locations





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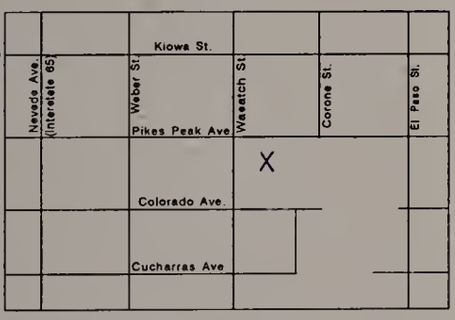

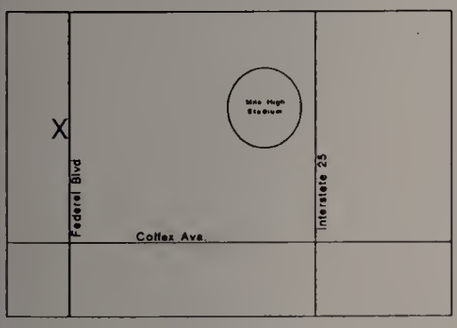

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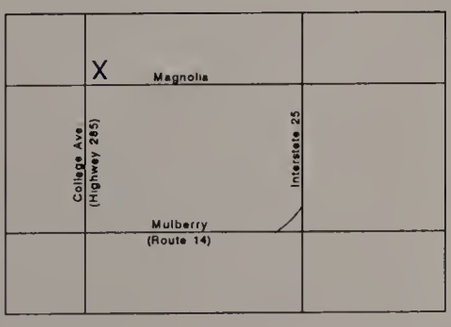

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